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1. The 16th SP (Service to Poland) Brigade, consisting of 600 members, works in the forest area of Rzeszow voivodship.
2. The 38th SP Brigade is presently engaged in the construction of Boleslaw foundry in Olkusz county.
3. The 49th SP Brigade, commanded by Mleczek, is engaged in the construction of Nowa Huta near Krakow.
4. At conferences in Krakow and Katowice on 10 May 1952, the commanding officers with their staffs complained of the shortages with which they had to contend; for example, the 16th SP Brigade was equipped with only two axes and a few spades.
5. Girls born in 1932 and 1934 have been enrolled in SP brigades. Those born in 1935 were also included if they had passed their seventeenth birthday. These volunteers can join either the SP command or the ZMP (Union of Polish Youth) organization. They serve for a period of seven weeks, and receive wages for their work.
6. On 16 May, all those eligible in Warsaw were to be organized into sections and platoons and drafted into 325 SP brigades.

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